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representation, he pointed out the necessity for empowering the Division First Class Magistrates to deal with bail applications when the District Magistrates were away from head-quarters on circuit, and said also that, if the Tahsildars were relieved of their Devaswom functions, it would go a great way to minimise the evils now complained of.

Dewan's reply.—I shall call for statistics and see what could be done.

27. Defects in the Criminal administration of the Changanacheri taluk and remedial measures for the same.

Mr. Parameswara Kurup Eravi Kurup (Member, Changanacheri taluk) stated that, for the last two years, house-breaking, theft and robbery in broad day-light were on the increase in the taluk and that many of the offences had not been detected by the Police. The people of the place had no security of person and property on account of the inefficiency of the agency of Criminal administration. A bi-weekly market was held in the town of Changanacheri and it was a long-standing complaint that the poor who went there for selling and buying on market days were generally deprived of their earnings by the rowdies of the place. The recent riot between the Christians and the Mahomedans of the place would also bear testimony to the laxity of the Criminal administration. To remedy this state of affairs, the Member suggested that (1) the present Magistrate might be invested with First Class powers and (2) the present Police force might be strengthened.

Dewan's reply.—Action is being taken to invest the Tahsildar at Changanacheri with First Class Magisterial powers.

28. Establishment of a First Class Magistrate's Court, a Munsiff's Court and a Sub-treasury at Kayenkulam.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kayenkulam Trading Classes) represented that Kayenkulam was an important commercial centre and had long been notorious for its rowdies and robbers. People from the surrounding taluks of Karunagapalli, Karthigapalli and Mavelikara, resorted there daily for trade and other purposes and the hardships they suffered at the hands of the notorious characters of the place were innumerable. Many cases of robbery had to be left unpunished for want of a First Class Magistrate there, the people rather submitting to their lot than preferring complaints at such a distant place as Quilon. The Member pointed out another difficulty in that the cases under the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation had to be sent to other places for trial, the local Sub-Magistrate being the President of the T. I. C.

Dewan.—Why not put some other officer as the President? There is the Sub-Registrar.

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The Member continued that, if any body else was made the President, the latter would be in danger from the said notorious characters and that the President of the T. I. C of that place has to be a Magistrate. In the above circumstances, the Member urged that a First Class Magistrate should be appointed to Kayenkulam, in addition to the existing Sub-Magistrate, and suggested that the former might be given jurisdiction over the three taluks of Karthigapalli, Karunagapalli and Mavelikara.

The Member incidentally spoke on the necessity for opening a Sub-treasury at Kayenkulam, considering the risk involved in carrying money from the Krishnapuram Court to the Karunagapalli taluk and on the proposed opening of a Timber Depot. He also represented the need for strengthening the local Police force and for establishing aMunsiff's Court at the place.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

29. To increase the strength of the Kayenkulam Police and to appoint a Police Inspector for the town and to open a Sub-station at Ochira.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayenkulam) said that the jurisdiction of the Kayenkulam Magistrate was as large as a taluk and that two important bazaars—Kayenkulam and Ochira—the hot-bed of many crimes and the seat of notorious characters, were included in that jurisdiction. The present strength of the Police there, *viz.*, 15, was not at all sufficient for the protection of person and property. Many crimes went undetected and many offenders were left scot-free for want of sufficient policemen. As a remedial measure, the Member made the following proposals, *viz*, (1) increasing the number of the constables to 25 and of the head constables to 3, (2) appointing a separate Inspector at Kayenkulam, and (3) opening a Sub-station at Ochira.

Establishment of a Police Station at Mararikulam.

Mr. Kunju Mikhel Veenamsi (Member, Shertallai taluk) said that, at present, the Police administration of Mararikulam was conducted from the Shertallai Police Station. Mararikulam was about 8 miles from Shertallai and not only was there no road but the way to Shertallai was blocked by trees and sandy wastes and infested by snakes to the great inconvenience of the passers-by and consequently cases could not reach the Police in time for enquiry and thus many offences were left unnoticed. On these grounds, the Member urged the necessity for a Police Station at Mararikulam.

Establishment of a Police Station at Manakavilla, Kothanalloor pakuthi.

Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (Member, Kalkulam taluk) spoke on the necessity for opening a Sub-station at Manakavilla, as theft, especially cattle lifting, was on the increase for the last three years. The rise in the price of leather induced the stealing and killing of cattle. The present Station was far away

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